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1. ACCORDING TO A REPORT OF THE MALTA EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION 27,000 MAN-DAYS WERE LOST AS A RESULT OF INDUSTRIAL ACTIONS IN MALTA DURING 1973. THIS REPRESENTS A NOTABLE INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR WHEN A RECORD LOW OF 14,600 WORK DAYS WERE LOST BECAUSE OF STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS.

2. COMMENT: MANY OF THE DISPUTES WHICH AROSE IN MALTA DURING COURSE OF 1973 WERE INDIRECTLY A RESULT OF WORLDWIDE INFLATIONARY PRESSURE. DESPITE INCREASE IN INDUSTRIAL ACTIONS, LAST YEAR WAS STILL A COMPARATIVELY CALM ONE IN THE HISTORY OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS IN MALTA. 27,000 MAN-HOURS IS A LOW FIGURE WHEN COMPARED TO THE 148,000 MAN-DAYS WHICH WERE LOST IN 1970, PRIOR TO PRESENT MLP ADMINISTRATION, BECAUSE OF STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS.GETZ

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